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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
P. I. CHIPMAN ET AL	)	
Serial No. 10/789,052	)	Group Art Unit: 1625
Filed February 27, 2004	)	Examiner: Owens, Amelia A
METHOD OF IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF A MANUFACTURING PROCESS	)	February 28, 2006
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Sir:

**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated February 1, 2006,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper. No amendments were made to the set of  
claims.